

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The examiner contacted the applicant's representative to discuss the relevance of claim 9 in view of the newly discovered prior art reference of Schoenherr et al. Although the applicant's representative disagreed with the examiner's assertion that the Schoenherr et al reference reads on claim 9, the applicant's representative canceled claim 9 without prejudice. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Dicran Halajian on 02/25/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

1.) In claim 1, line 15 "its periphery" has been changed to -- a periphery thereof--,

2.) In claim 1, line 16 "its entire" has been changed to -an entire surface thereof--,

3.) In claim 1, line 11 "its periphery" has been changed to -- a periphery thereof--,

4.) In claim 1, line 12 "its entire" has been changed to -an entire surface thereof--,

5.) Claim 9 has been canceled.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the prior art of record teaches or fairly suggest applicant's claimed invention for the applicant's reasons stated in the amendment and response filed on 11/12/08.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Delete the paragraph spanning pages 1-2, between page 1, line 16P 3-24.09²⁸, and page 2, line 2 of the specification.

Replace the paragraph on page 2, between lines 3-7 of the specification with the following:

~~Provided in the~~ The lamp in accordance with the invention as ~~claimed in claim 1 is a base sleeve. The~~ includes a base sleeve is disposed in an opening in the plastic bottom section and thereby connected to it. On the other hand, the base sleeve is also connected to the metallic holder for the burner. The base sleeve thereby preferably forms the transition from the plastic bottom section to the metallic components of the lamp.

16P 3-24.09 Replace the paragraph on page ³ 1, between lines 13-15 of the specification with the following: